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HEALTH HAZARDS ARISING FROM USE OF LIQUID TYPEWRITER TYPE CLEANER

1. This Notice is for the purpose of warning personnel of the health hazards arising from the use of liquid typewriter type cleaner, Agency Stock Item No. 7/7510-249-8011. This cleaner, purchased from the General Services Administration, was issued without a warning label or literature that would indicate that the solvent used is carbon tetrachloride. Agency personnel are advised of the hazardous nature of this solvent as described by the General Services Administration below:

HAZARDS OF CARBON TETRACHLORIDE

Carbon tetrachloride is potentially toxic by inhalation, by contact of the liquid with the skin or mucous membranes, and by ingestion. It produces lachrymation, burning, and other symptoms of inflammation of the eyes, and, if taken internally, causes gastro-intestinal inflammation and nausea. After a short time, general symptoms of toxicity appear as a result of damage to the liver, kidneys, heart, adrenal glands, and nervous system.

2. The intention of this Notice is not to discourage the continued use of the liquid typewriter type cleaner. However, caution in its use should be exercised. Rooms in which the cleaner is used must be well ventilated and contact of the liquid with the skin should be avoided to the greatest extent possible. Skin areas that make contact with the liquid should be rinsed with soap and continuously running warm water. The application of a hand cream after rinsing is desirable.

3. The issuance of liquid typewriter type cleaner has been temporarily stopped until such time as proper warning labels have been applied to Agency stock of the item. Labels will also be available, in the next several days, in all Building Supply Rooms for issue to and application by personnel now having the cleaner in their possession.

4. Supervisors will ensure that the above-mentioned labels are placed on the containers of liquid typewriter type cleaner, described herein, which is currently in the possession of personnel under their supervision.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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